STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0027

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION TO INCORPORATE UPDATES TO MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARIES AND THE TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (TDS) AND NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN (SALT MANAGEMENT PLAN) FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION

WHEREAS:

- On February 10, 2012, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) adopted <u>Resolution No. R8-2012-002</u>, amending the Basin Plan to incorporate updates to Management Zone boundaries and the Total Dissolved Solids and Nitrogen Management Plan (Salt Management Plan) for the Santa Ana Region.
- 2. The Santa Ana Water Board found that the revised Salt Management Plan is consistent with the State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16 because present and anticipated beneficial uses will continue to be protected, best practicable treatment or control of waste discharges will continue to be in place, and the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the state will be maintained.
- 3. The Santa Ana Water Board found that the amendments do not contain scientific elements. Therefore, no external scientific peer review of the proposed revisions was conducted.
- 4. Extensive analysis of the Salt Management Plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was conducted as part of the consideration of 2004 Salt Management Plan Basin Plan Amendment. The revisions to the Salt Management Plan would have no material direct or indirect effect on the environment, nor would changes to the previous CEQA findings be required. Accordingly, the Santa Ana Water Board found that no further CEQA analysis was required. The State Water Board affirms this determination.
- 5. The State Water Board finds that, in amending the Basin Plan, the Santa Ana Water Board complied with the requirements set forth in sections 13141, 13240, 13242, and 13245 of the Water Code. The State Water Board also finds that the regulatory action meets the "necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, Subdivision (b).
- 6. The Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted by Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2012-0002

2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted by Santa Ana Water Board R8-2012-0002 to the OAL to approve the regulatory provisions.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 5, 2012.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

> Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board